

Honorable Representative:

Please oppose HB 1416 and 1417. I have listed my reasons to oppose these bills and have made suggestions to help the real problem. By passing these bills you are putting an infected bandage on a really large problem in our society, a culture that promotes young girl's and boy's involvement in sex before marriage.

HB 1416 allows the government to keep records on the immunizations for HPV of young girls. A citizen's health records should be shared only with their healthcare provider and if necessary insurance company. Just what benefit to the public would this provide and in balance what harm to the young girl would result if her personal health history is known to all?

HB 1417

This bill mandates that an unproven vaccine be administered to young girls. The makers claim that this vaccine will only protect against only a small number of HPV strains. Many say booster shots will be required like the chicken pox vaccine. This will give young girls a false sense of security and help create in their minds a safe sex outside of marriage environment.

You can say that state law allows opt-out, but we all know that most of the citizens of Michigan are not aware of their rights on this subject. Schools and doctors do not tell them. Thus young girls of Michigan are being herded into an unsafe vaccine by passing of this bill. If you support this bill you cannot claim mea culpa, that there is an opt-out, because you have not done an adequate job of informing the citizens that this is not a mandate from Lansing. You have not informed them of their rights, but left them at the mercy of intimidation from schools and health departments who do not want to deal with the opt-out process or whose employment depends on the administration of vaccines.

In addition there is growing evidence that other vaccines have contributed to the autism epidemic. Now 1 out of 150 children have some form of autism. Mandating more vaccines would seem to be quite reckless until we find the answer to our other vaccine issues.

Please keep our Michigan girls safe from medical practices that are unproven, that provide a false sense of security from STDs and that make their personal health public knowledge. Vote No on these bills. Instead develop a program that makes sure parents know their rights of opt-out for all vaccines and promote true forms of abstinence education. Provide funding for true abstinence education and introduce legislation to ensure that the funds are spent on the true abstinence message is the best practice.

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